

MINUTES OF THE HANOVER BOROUGH COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
January 3, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Mrs. Funk convened the meeting of the Hanover Borough Council Public Safety Committee at 6:00 PM, Tuesday, January 3, 2023 in the Hanover Municipal Building, 44 Frederick Street, Hanover, PA, as advertised.

Attendance: Present were Committee Members Funk and C. Greenholt; Staff Members Fire Chief Clouser, Secretary Felix, Public Works Director Grimm, Human Resource Director Hill, Police Chief Martin and Emergency Management Coordinator Waltman. Chairman Lockard was absent due to medical reasons.

Approval of the Minutes: It was moved by Mrs. Greenholt, seconded by Mrs. Funk to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2022, Public Safety Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Gary Laird, President, Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce: President Laird requested that the Snack Town Brewfest event be designated as a Priority Event as defined in the Special Event Ordinance No. 2295. Mr. Laird described the benefits of the Brewfest including increased visitor traffic to the community and increased exposure for local brewers. The Chamber utilizes the proceeds from this event to build and develop their workforce development program for the school districts which provides worthwhile career development opportunities for apprenticeships through Hanover High School and South Western High School.

Mrs. Funk pointed out that the ordinance would need to be revised in order to designate the Brewfest as a priority event.

Mr. Laird proposed rescheduling the 2023 Snack Town Brewfest from September 23, 2023 (*approved December 28, 2022*) to September 16, 2023 since there are similar local events scheduled for September 23, 2023. The move from October to September was to work within the parameters of the ordinance to coordinate around the Snack Town Runfest October 7, 2023 and the Halloween parade October 26, 2023.

Mr. Laird offered the Chamber's assistance with planning and implementation of its events.

It was moved by Mrs. Greenholt, seconded by Mrs. Funk to move the approval for the designation of the Snack Town Brewfest as a priority event as defined in the Special Event

Ordinance No. 2295 to the Council Workshop agenda for consideration. Mrs. Funk noted that the date could be adjusted annually as the ordinance allows. Motion carried.

President Laird thanked Council, the Police Chief and the Public Works Director for all of their cooperation.

Larry Sherfey, 120 Clearview Road asked about the fireworks regulations. Chief Martin stated that the ordinance now prohibits the use of consumer fireworks in the Borough without a permit. Chief Clousher added that fire pits have to be fired by natural gas or propane, while wood burning fire pits remain illegal in the Borough.

Mr. Sherfey also pointed out the property at 207 Charles Street has a hot water heater in the yard and other clutter around the house. Public Works Supt. Grimm will investigate the site. Mr. Sherfey was given the direct line to Code Enforcement Officer Miller.

Review Draft Contractor Log Form (Requesting Property Access)

Secretary Felix stated that the form was drafted by Mr. Mains for the Committee's review.

Mr. Waltman offered to serve after hours regarding emergency access to any facilities as needed.

It was moved by Mrs. Greenholt, seconded by Mrs. Funk to forward the approval of the Facilities Access Form to the Council Workshop agenda for consideration. Manager Lewis noted that it will also be reviewed by the Public Works and Facilities Committee at their January 10, 2023 meeting.

Proposed Changes to Special Event Ordinance: Secretary Felix explained the need to comply with the special event ordinance in order to reduce impact on the Public Works and Police Departments. She provided a list of events from 2022 and proposed dates for 2023.

Ms. Felix proposed that a new paragraph be added under §309-2 (B) *Permit Requirement* of the Ordinance in order to protect smaller gatherings requiring no Borough services (with the exception of electricity) to hold their events without conflict with the ordinance.

(B.) No person or entity shall be required to obtain a special event permit from the Borough to engage in the following:

**Add New Paragraph (6)*

"A non-profit fundraising, community, organizational or charity event with an estimated gathering of less than 150 attendees who require no Borough services other than the

provision of electricity at a rate which shall be charged according to Borough Resolution which may be adjusted from time to time by the Hanover Borough Council."

Ms. Felix proposed that Main Street events for Bank Lane and Quadrant closures could be submitted under Temporary Alley or Street Closures in order not to conflict with the provisions of the Special Event Ordinance.

Mrs. Funk asked for comments.

Public Works Director Grimm stated that he would like to forward all special event requests for the parks to the Recreation Board prior to the Council Workshop meetings, as recommended at the Public Safety Committee meeting November 1, 2022.

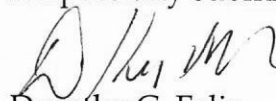
The Committee agreed that the requests from Main Street Hanover for use of Bank Lane and Center Square quadrants should be via the temporary street and alley closure permitting process, rather than the special event permitting process.

The Committee agreed that there needs to be more discussion on the smaller events often requested in Wirt Park for electricity use only that have little impact on the Borough's labor force.

Public Works Director Grimm reported that the signs for the jake brake prohibition have all been placed at every entrance to the Borough. The Committee thanked Public Works Director Grimm for his efforts in developing the ordinance and placing the signs.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned 6:35 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Dorothy C. Felix
Borough Secretary